
SDRA Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

SD Farmer's Union

Huron, SD

6:00 pm CDT

Attendees

- Lance Lesmeister, President
- Judy Stevens, Vice President
- Karla Hofhenke, Committee Rep
- Ronnie Wilson, Stock Contractors
- Barry Knippling (sub), Judges
- Bogie Webb (sub), Saddle Bronc
- Chazz Gabe, Bull Riding
- Matthew Jones, Steer Roping
- Kaiden Whitebear, Steer Wrestling
- Chuck Hamlin, Sr. Mens Breakaway
- Heather Bosse, Barrel Racing
- Mary Pat Fawcett, Team Penning
- Vern Dubbelde, Team Penning
- Penny Schlagel, Secretary
- Kole Latham
Team Roping-absent
- Team Roping,
position open
- Calf Roping,
position open
- Bailey Tibbs, Goat
Tying-absent
- ReAnn Crane,
Mixed Team Roping-absent
- Cedar Jandreau,
Ladies Breakaway Absent
- Grady Hemingson,
Barebacks-absent

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order by President Lance Lesmeister at 6:04 pm CDT.
 2. After a review of the Agenda MaryPat Fawcett made a motion to approve the agenda and Barry Knippling seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 3. Barry Knippling made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 18th, 2024 meeting. Bogie Webb seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 4. President's Report
 - a. Lance met with Katie and reviewed the plan and options for the SDRA Finals Rodeo.
 5. Financial Report
 - a. Penny Schlagel review the July Bank Statement as well as the current Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement
 - b. Judy Stevens made a motion to accept the Financial Report and Mary Pat Fawcett seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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6. Karla Hofhenke made a motion at 6:28 pm for the Board to go into Executive Session. Judy Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Judy Stevens made a motion at 6:48 pm to end the Executive Session. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to put the Team Penning Event on probation for the remainder of the 2025 SDRA Rodeo Season. Probation will be violated if there are more arguments or any other issues that are brought to the SDRA Board of Directors prior to the SDRA Finals Rodeo. Should the Board be required to address further issues regarding the Team Penning event, the Team Penning contestants are at risk of not being invited to the 2025 SDRA Finals. Barry Knippling seconded the motion. Motion carried with Bogie Webb dissenting.
9. Karla Hofhenke made a motion to go back into executive Session at 7:08 pm. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. Executive Session was ended at 7:11 pm.
11. Heather Bosse made a motion to compensate Penny Schlagel an additional \$500/month to be paid as a 1099. Mary Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. IRS Standing
 - a. Discussion was held and documentation provided by Callie Iverson CPA reviewed regarding the reinstatement of the Nonprofit status with the IRS.
2. Video/Reels Promotion
 - a. Two digital media producers are being considered to create reels to promote the SDRA. Heather Bosse made a motion to hire a digital creator and Judy Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried. A committee of Judy Stevens, Heather Bosse and Karla Hofhenke was created to determine the best choice of producer.
3. Finals Planning
 - a. The SDRA Finals will be a Yellow Feather Event in 2025.
 - b. Livefeed Broadcast was considered but discarded. We will revisit this option next year.
 - c. Judy presented options for advertising including posters in Spanish, Radio and print ads, table tents and card mailers.

New Business

1. Electric Eye Purchase - we are in need of another electric eye for the barrel racing event. Heather Bosse made a motion to purchase a new electric eye. Barry Knippling seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Some of the winners from the Chamberlain Rank on the River event have not been paid. Penny will pay them from the SDRA and collect from the producers. Total: \$1163.99.

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3. Rodeo Approvals
 - a. Fort Thompson is hosting a new event August 16-17, 2025. Heather Bosse made a motion to approve the event, Karla Hofhenke seconded the motion. Motion carried with Chuck Hamlin dissenting.
 4. Next Board Meeting - August 14th, 2025 at 6 PM CDT tentatively at the Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center.
 5. Adjournment.
 - a. At 7:57 PM Barry Knippling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heather Bosse seconded the motion. Motion carried.